

THE GHOST AND MOLLY MCGEE
"I DREAM OF NINTARI"
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INT. MCGEE HOME - KITCHEN - DAY

SCRATCH hums to himself as he builds an ENORMOUS SANDWICH. He opens his jaw wide and is about to take a bite when--

1 MOLLY

SCRATCH! STOP WHATEVER YOU'RE DOING
RIGHT THIS SECOND AND LISTEN TO ME!

Scratch <STARTLES> and drops his sandwich all over the floor.

2 SCRATCH

Great. Now I gotta eat this
Everything Sandwich with a *fork*.
That's not a sandwich, Molly!
That's a salad!

3 MOLLY

Sorry Scratch, but it's time to--

MOLLY holds up the BOOK OF RARE CURSES and STICKY TABS.

4 MOLLY (CONT'D)

--color-code the Book of Rare
Curses! Blue for shape-shifting,
yellow for shenanigans, pink for
curses I LOVE-- Oh no! I'm out of
pink! BRB!

She zooms out just as DARRYL enters, distraught, on the phone. We hear SIRENS and DOGS on the other end of the call.

5 DARRYL

No, no -- Listen to me! Toss your
burner, flush the evidence, and
meet me at the safe house in--

The phone line goes dead.

6 DARRYL (CONT'D)

NOOOO! All my underworld contacts
got swept up in an FBI dragnet!
Now I'll NEVER get the new Nintari
gaming system! (then) Also, you
missed a bao under the fridge.

7 SCRATCH

Ooh! Good lookin' out.

Darryl holds up his PHONE with the NINTARI pictured on it. We do glamor shots of the specs like it's a sports car.

8 DARRYL

Look at it, Scratch. 8K graphics, rumble-pack wireless controllers, and THE BEST platform-exclusive game... *Smile Valley Farm 6: Sheep Never Sleep*.

9 SCRATCH

<GASP!> We need this new Nintari!

10 DARRYL

I know. But all my foreign accounts are frozen and I can't ask Mom and Dad for money. They ALWAYS say no!

CUT TO: QUICK BEATS of Darryl asking MOM and DAD for stuff.

11 DARRYL (CONT'D)

An electric bike!

12 MOM & DAD

Too expensive.

13 DARRYL

A Sub Shack franchise!

14 MOM & DAD

Too expensive.

15 DARRYL

A rocket so I can be the FIRST KID ON THE MOON!

16 MOM/DAD

Too expensive!/Too dangerous!

BACK TO present.

17 DARRYL

So it's Game Over for us.

Darryl flops his head down on the table, right on the Book of Rare Curses. Scratch looks at the book and lights up.

18 SCRATCH

...or is it?

They quickly flip through. Scratch stops at a page.

19 **SCRATCH** (CONT'D)
 Oh-ho-ho! The Dream Infiltration Curse. Enter someone's dream and plant an "idea seed" in their head. When the idea "blooms," they'll do what you want.

They intertwine fingers, like nail salon biddies.

20 **SCRATCH & DARRYL**
 It's PERFECT!

21 **SCRATCH**
 And to keep it that way, let's not tell Molly.

22 **DARRYL**
 Oh no way. She's all about "enhappification" unless it's me trying to enhappify myself, then suddenly it's "selfish."

INT. MCGEE HOME - VARIOUS - THAT NIGHT

-- Molly cuddles up with PLUSHIES and turns the light out.

-- Mom puts on an EYE MASK and EAR PLUGS. A beat; Mom wrinkles her nose and puts on a NOSE PLUG too.

-- Dad turns his light out and immediately <SNORES LOUDLY.>

As Darryl watches, Scratch invokes the Curse:

23 **SCRATCH**
 I CURSE THE MCGEE FAMILY
 WHO SLUMBER IN THEIR BEDS.
 WE'LL INFILTRATE THEIR DREAMS
 AND PLANT IDEAS IN THEIR HEADS!

A DREAM PORTAL opens; Scratch and Darryl step inside into:

INT. DREAMLAND STATION - CONTINUOUS

CLOUDS float around, some with DOORS labeled MOM, DAD, MOLLY, and tiny ones for HEIDI HAIRYLEGS and SHARKIE.

24 **SCRATCH**
 Do you think these clouds are edible...?
 (eats clouds)
 They are! And they taste like the Friday before a long weekend!

Darryl does the backstroke through clouds.

25 DARRYL

Okay, we WILL come back to play,
I'm not ending this experience
without making a cloud beard, but
first... we've got work to do.

26 SCRATCH

Right. Pete's the soft sell. Start
with him.

They open Dad's door and enter:

INT. DAD'S DREAM WORLD - VARIOUS

It's CITY HALL, and all looks normal.

27 SCRATCH

Man, Pete's dreams are boo-riiinng.

28 DARRYL

Yeah. Snoozefest. Literally.

They walk towards Dad, who's down the hall, looking confused. He tries some doors, but none open.

29 DAD

Where's my office?! The mayor gave
me til EOD to file this BOE report
or I'll be DOA!

30 SCRATCH

Darryl, the seed.

Scratch hands Darryl the IDEA SEED.

31 DARRYL

One Nintari, coming up.

Darryl tiptoes up. He's just about to pop the seed in Dad's ear... when DAD'S EAR pops off and lands in Darryl's hand!

32 DARRYL (CONT'D)

GAH! Ew! It touched me! Ew!

He bobbles the ear, and drops the idea seed. Darryl zooms after it, but just then Dad opens a door.

33 DAD

Ah, here's where I left my office!

He walks in, unknowingly kicking the seed through to--

INT. CLASSROOM - CONTINUOUS

MAYOR BRUNSON, as the teacher, stands in front as Dad enters.

34 DAD

Uhh this isn't my office...

35 MAYOR BRUNSON

McGee! Time for your final exam!

Darryl and Scratch rush in, scrambling along the floor after the seed, but it keeps getting KICKED by STUDENTS' legs. Dad sits at a desk, nervously biting his fingernails.

36 DAD

Final exam? But I didn't study! And I graduated twenty years ago!

He bites his INDEX FINGER; it detaches from his hand.

37 DAD (CONT'D)

Aw dang, my favorite finger!

Scratch reeeeaches with his arm and finally catches the seed.

Meanwhile, a BELL RINGS. Mayor Brunson, now a CAN OF TUNA, talks through his half open lid.

38 MAYOR BRUNSON

Pencils down, McGee! Time to present your essay to the class.

Dad looks at his BLANK PAGE and starts hyperventilating. He walks up to the front of the room, but now it's the--

EXT. BRIGHTON BANDSHELL - CONTINUOUS

Dad stands alone, deer in headlights. Dad holds up NOTECARDS with shaking hands but fumbles them, and they go flying... literally! They fly away like birds!

39 DAD

Don't fall apart, Pete...

A TOOTH falls out of his mouth.

40 DAD (CONT'D)

Oboy. This is gonna get a lot worse before it gets better.

41 DARRYL

Ugh! (then) Ignore it! Think of the rumble-pack controllers!

Darryl runs towards Dad, holding out the idea seed, as MORE OF DAD'S TEETH FALL OUT IN A CASCADE. Dad crumbles into pieces -- a tidal wave of teeth, eyes, hands, and feet rushes toward them! Darryl and Scratch SCREAM, as we CUT TO:

INT. MCGEE HOME - DARRYL'S BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS

<OOF!> They fall out of the portal. Scratch lands on the floor, Darryl in his bed.

42 DARRYL

So many teeth. And other parts.

43 SCRATCH

Not to worry. We'll get some shut-eye and try again tomorrow night.

Scratch floats through the ceiling; Darryl rolls over. **BEEEEP!** His alarm goes off -- it's already 7 AM!

44 DARRYL

Aw, come on!!

INT. MCGEE HOME - KITCHEN - MORNING

Darryl and Scratch drag themselves in and find Dad checking his teeth in the reflection of the TOASTER.

45 DAD

This one look loose to you, Sharon?

Molly's on her way out but notices Darryl and Scratch.

46 MOLLY

You two okay? Looks like you fell into a blender and hit 'frappe'.

47 DARRYL

Huh wha? Uh yeah! We just got up early to... get in a workout!

48 SCRATCH

Yeah! Pump iron. Get a sweat on!

He tries and fails to lift a SODA CAN like a dumbbell. Molly gives them an odd look as she exits.

49 MOLLY

Uh huh...

50 DARRYL/SCRATCH

Get a sweat on?!/ I panicked!

INT. DREAMLAND STATION - NIGHT

Scratch and Darryl are back at the McGee Dreamland Station.

51 SCRATCH

Tonight, we should try your mom. I canNOT handle anymore teeth!

52 DARRYL

She's the decision-maker anyway.

They open Mom's DREAM DOOR and step into:

INT. MOM'S DREAM WORLD - MCGEE LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Darryl and Scratch enter. WIDEN TO REVEAL the normal McGee house, but with SPINNING PLATES on POLES OF VARIOUS HEIGHTS.

53 SCRATCH

THIS is what your mom dreams about?
Where are the racecars? The mile
high ice cream sundaes?

54 DARRYL

I am as lost as you are.

Darryl reaches for a plate... when Mom somersaults in.

55 MOM

DON'T TOUCH THAT!

Mom frantically runs/rolls/bounces/springs around the room, trying to keep the plates spinning.

56 MOM (CONT'D)

Gotta keep the plates spinning,
spinning, spinning!

57 DARRYL

Weird... but whatever. Let's just
plant the seed and jet!

Darryl tries to get to Mom, but she acrobatically flips around, climbs furniture, and skitters on the ceiling like a magic parkour athlete as she tries to reach all the plates.

58 DARRYL (CONT'D)

I-- I can't get to her!

59 SCRATCH

Seriously? Your puny human
limitations follow you into dreams?
Pfft.

He cracks his knuckles, then takes the seed, arm elongating and snaking this way and that. He's inches away from Mom!

60 **SCRATCH** (CONT'D)
Gotch--ooop...

Mom darts unexpectedly in a new direction, so Scratch bumps a pole, which knocks a plate over CRASH.

61 **MOM**
<GASP!> WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!

Scratch shrugs to Darryl.

62 **SCRATCH**
Honestly, I have no idea.

Then... the plates CRASH all around them like dominoes!

INT. MCGEE HOME - DARRYL'S BEDROOM - MORNING

...and <OOF!> They land on the floor/bed.

63 **SCRATCH**
SO CLOSE!

64 **DARRYL**
Close doesn't get us a Nintari!

Darryl's ALARM RINGS. They GROAN.

INT. MCGEE HOME - KITCHEN - MORNING

Scratch eats, eyes closed. Darryl sits, motionless.

65 **MOLLY**
Another morning workout, Darryl?
DARRYL!

Darryl startles; his eyes fly open, and now we realize that he'd drawn FAKE EYES on his eyelids.

66 **DARRYL**
Wha? Uh yes, I... was getting my sweat up. Up...? No. On. I was getting my sweat on.

67 **SCRATCH**
Another cup of cereal with a bowl of coffee, please.

He holds his PLATE up but accidentally drops it, CLANG! Mom JUMPS on top of the table! Everyone stares at her.

INT. DREAMLAND STATION - VARIOUS - NIGHT

Darryl and Scratch are back, exhausted, barely standing.

68 DARRYL

(babbling deliriously)

Nintari. Need it. Need-tari.

Scratch smacks Darryl to wake him up.

69 SCRATCH

Divide and conquer, Darryl! You take your dad; I'll take your mom.

70 DARRYL

Aw man! Not the teeth dream again! Let's rock papers scissors for it.

71 SCRATCH

Okay, I'm going rock.

72 DARRYL

What? You don't tell-- are you trying to get in my head?

73 SCRATCH

Oh, I'm already there. I know everything you're going to do. And the other thing I know is...

Just then, Scratch notices MOLLY'S DREAM DOOR is open.

74 SCRATCH (CONT'D)

Molly's door is open...?

SHWWINNNG! Two RAINBOW LASSOS shoot out of Molly's door, ensnare them, and YANK them inside!

INT. MOLLY'S DREAM WORLD - CONTINUOUS

It's a technicolor, kaleidoscopic fever dream of RAINBOWS! PUPPIES! KITTENS! Molly drags them in.

75 MOLLY

I KNEW you two were up to something! You're infiltrating Mom and Dad's dreams... to give them super happy fun thoughts!

76 SCRATCH/DARRYL

Well of COURSE, what else could it be?/Not something selfish -- that's for sure.

The lassos squeeeeze them.

77 MOLLY

The lassos do NOT like LIES!

78 DARRYL

Okay, it's so they'll buy us a Nintari!

79 MOLLY

WHAT?!

80 DARRYL

It was Scratch's idea!

81 SCRATCH

WOW! See the tire tracks on my back from throwing me under the bus?!

He points to his back, which has TIRE TRACKS on it.

82 MOLLY

Well, he's right, Scratch -- You can't mess with people's dreams just to get what you want!

As she focuses on Scratch, he nods to Darryl: "Head for the door!" Darryl starts tiptoeing away.

83 MOLLY (CONT'D)

It's against the laws of nature!
And decency! And... puppies!

84 SCRATCH

(trying to distract)
Laws of puppies? Puppies don't have a legal system.

85 MOLLY

Oh, in my dreams they do!

86 SCRATCH

Really? Tell us more, Molly.

87 MOLLY

Well, they have little suits, and glasses, and, puppy loafers, cause duh, right?

A PUPPY IN A SUIT AND GLASSES pops up.

88 PUPPY LAWYER

I passed the Bark Exam!

89 MOLLY

See?

The puppy hands a piece of PAPER to Molly.

90 PUPPY LAWYER

Also, I'm here to serve you notice
that your brother is trying to
escape.

91 MOLLY

What?!

92 SCRATCH

Darryl, RUUNNNNN!!!

93 MOLLY

Oh no, you don't!

Just before Darryl reaches the door, the ground falls out from beneath them, and they all plummet (a la the Main Title.)

SONGBURST: "PRISONERS OF MY DREAMS". An "I Believe In A Thing Called Love"-esque rock song about Molly trying to lock Darryl and Scratch in her dream world at all costs.

-- A LARGE RAINBOW CLOCK hovers over them, counting down 'til 7:00 am. Darryl and Scratch jump on a RAINBOW SLIDE; it's fun for a second, but the angle changes to straight down; they cling to each other for dear life as they drop down into--

-- A FUNHOUSE full of MIRRORS, FLASHING LIGHTS, PANDAS that roll up and try to knock them over, GIANT FLOWERS that try to eat them Venus flytrap-style. The rainbow clock ticks down.

-- Darryl and Scratch run as Molly lobs PUPPY NETS and KITTEN FIREBALLS. It's adorable and terrifying.

-- They run for an exit, but reveal it's a HUGE MOUTH, part of a HUGE MOLLY FACE. The mouth CLAMPS SHUT, nearly crushing them. The mouth OPENS AND CLOSES menacingly. Molly closes in on them; the clock ticks down, almost at 7:00 am, as the big Molly Mouth opens, and they DIVE THROUGH.

-- Back at Dreamland Station, Molly's rainbow lasers escape and entangle Scratch, Darryl, and Molly, plus Mom and Dad's dream doors.

They doors combine to form ONE MEGA DOOR, and Darryl, Scratch, Molly, Mom, and Dad are now in ONE SHARED DREAM SPACE! END SONGBURST.

INT. DREAM WORLD - CONTINUOUS

The LIVING ROOM which is now rainbow-colored. Mom and Dad notice each other.

94 MOM

Hey Pete. How are you?

95 DAD

Not falling apart. It's nice.

Scratch, Darryl, and Molly watch from across the room.

96 SCRATCH

Molly combined all the dreamlands.
We're all in one dream together.

97 DARRYL

We can plant the idea seeds in BOTH
of their heads at the same time!

98 MOLLY

Only in your dreams!

Scratch ties Molly up with his stretched-out arms.

99 SCRATCH

You can take us to puppy court
later! GO DARRYL! FOR THE NINTARI!

Darryl reaches behind Mom and Dad's heads and DING! plants the idea seeds in their heads at the same time.

100 DAD

Y'know, Darryl's a great kid.

101 MOM

He is. We should get him a little
something.

102 MOM & DAD

A Nintari!

Molly struggles against her restraints.

103 MOLLY

No! Mom and Dad! He doesn't deserve
that 8K gaming resolution!

Suddenly, a MINI-NINTARI blooms like a flower over Mom and Dad's heads. Darryl and Scratch LIGHT UP.

104 MOM

I mean, a Nintari does cost a lot.

SPINNING PLATES sprout all over. The rainbow colors start to drain from the room. Meanwhile, a LEG and an ARM drop off Dad.

105 DAD

Yeah. An arm and a leg.

A few more BODY PARTS fall off as he hops to stay upright.

106 DAD (CONT'D)

Maybe a little more with wireless rumble pack controllers.

Mom writes NINTARI on a PLATE and spins it.

107 MOM

But Darryl's worth it.

108 SCRATCH

What's going on? Why aren't they as happy about this as we are?

Darryl peers at some of the plates.

109 DARRYL

Guys... There's stuff written on these plates-- "mortgage," "car payment," "Molly's future braces?"

110 MOLLY

Wait... what?

Mom frantically spins plates while PARTS fall off Dad.

111 DARRYL

Oh no... The Nintari's not worth THIS!

He grabs Dad's arm and leg and hands them back to Dad. Scratch zips in front of Darryl.

112 DARRYL (CONT'D)

Take these back, Dad!

113 SCRATCH

Whoa whoa whoa, Darryl. It's not like Pete needs BOTH arms and legs. That's just greedy.

114 MOLLY

Don't listen to him, Darryl! Do the right thing!

Darryl grabs the "Nintari" plate.

115 DARRYL

Sorry, Scratch. We're just gonna have to rumble our controllers ourselves!

He raises it high, then, SMASHES it, CRASH! FLASH TO WHITE.

116 SCRATCH

NOOOOOOOOO!

INT. MCGEE HOME - KITCHEN - MORNING

Molly, Mom, and Dad, and Scratch eat breakfast. Darryl enters, <YAWNING.> Scratch eyes him, displeased.

117 MOLLY

Another morning workout?

118 DARRYL

Nah, the retirement center residents hired me to set up their tech. And man, old people get up eeeeearly!

As Mom and Dad put food on the table, Darryl hugs them.

119 MOLLY

Wait, you got a job?

120 DARRYL

Yeah. Saving up to buy a Nintari. Later!

As Darryl exits, Mom whispers to Dad.

121 MOM

Did we just become amazing parents overnight?

122 DAD

It's a dream come true!

Mom and Dad low-five, impressed with themselves.

THE END.